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PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wayne Douglas Luke )  
For : PROCESS FOR PREPARING )  
BENZOIC ACIDS )  
Docket No. : X-11506 )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Sir:

In the Specification

In the application, Claims 1 to 14 are pending.  
Applicants hereby make the following preliminary amendments.

In the Claims

Applicants herewith amend Claims 5 and 14 and further add new Claim 15.

5. (amended) A process according to Claim [1]4 wherein said C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl acetate solvent is amyl acetate.

14. (amended) A process according to Claim 1 [or 13] wherein; R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> combine with the nitrogen atom to which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are attached, to form a piperidinyl moiety, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> each are hydrogen, and n is 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or derivative thereof.